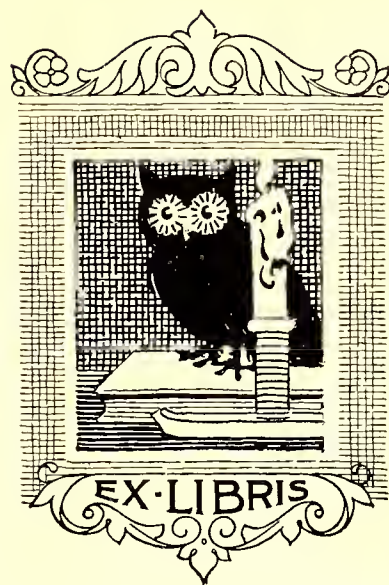


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FOREWORD

*The Carrier Pigeon is beautiful and white;
He never grows weary of his long flight.
We hope this Carrier will always fly
Through a clear, sun-lit and cloudless sky.
May each page bring memories of the past
Of school days that hurried by so fast.*



LEE BALLINGER DURHAM

WHOSE SYMPATHY, UNDERSTANDING AND UNFAILING ENDEAVORS IN
OUR BEHALF HAVE MADE HIM INDISPENSABLE TO THE
MIDDLEBURG SCHOOL WE DEDICATE

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ELIZABETH ANN DURHAM

Mascot

*Of all the cherubs from far and near
'Tis Elizabeth Ann who takes first place,
She isn't so large—just a tiny dear,
But "Betsy" is winner in any race.*



MIDDLEBURG HIGH SCHOOL

History of the School

THE Middleburg High School had its real beginning in 1903 when the schools of the Middleburg township were consolidated as a high school with Mrs. Hattie F. Plummer as Principal. The school grew rapidly in scholarship and in number of students during the seven years' that Mrs. Plummer was in charge, and in 1909 Garland Rowland, Thad Parrish, and Aliene Wiggins were the first graduates.

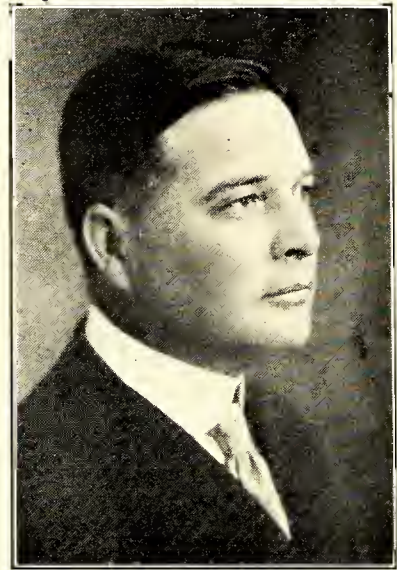
Under the Smith-Hughes Act Vance County was allowed Federal aid in establishing the departments of Agriculture and Home Economics in one of the schools of the County. After other schools failed to make the necessary sacrifice, Middleburg carried the vote to establish the departments in this school and in 1915 the institution was placed on the lists of Farm Life Schools. About twenty-three acres of land were purchased and a handsome dormitory was constructed.

Middleburg has been the leading school of the county, having drawn scores of pupils from this and adjoining territory. There have been in all about one hundred graduates. Much of the growth and progress has been due to the keen interest of the people in the community and especially to the untiring efforts of Mr. R. L. Bennett, who has been Chairman of the local Board of Education for about twenty years, and to Mr. J. E. Holloway and Mr. W. T. Rowland, other members of the Board.

County Board of Education



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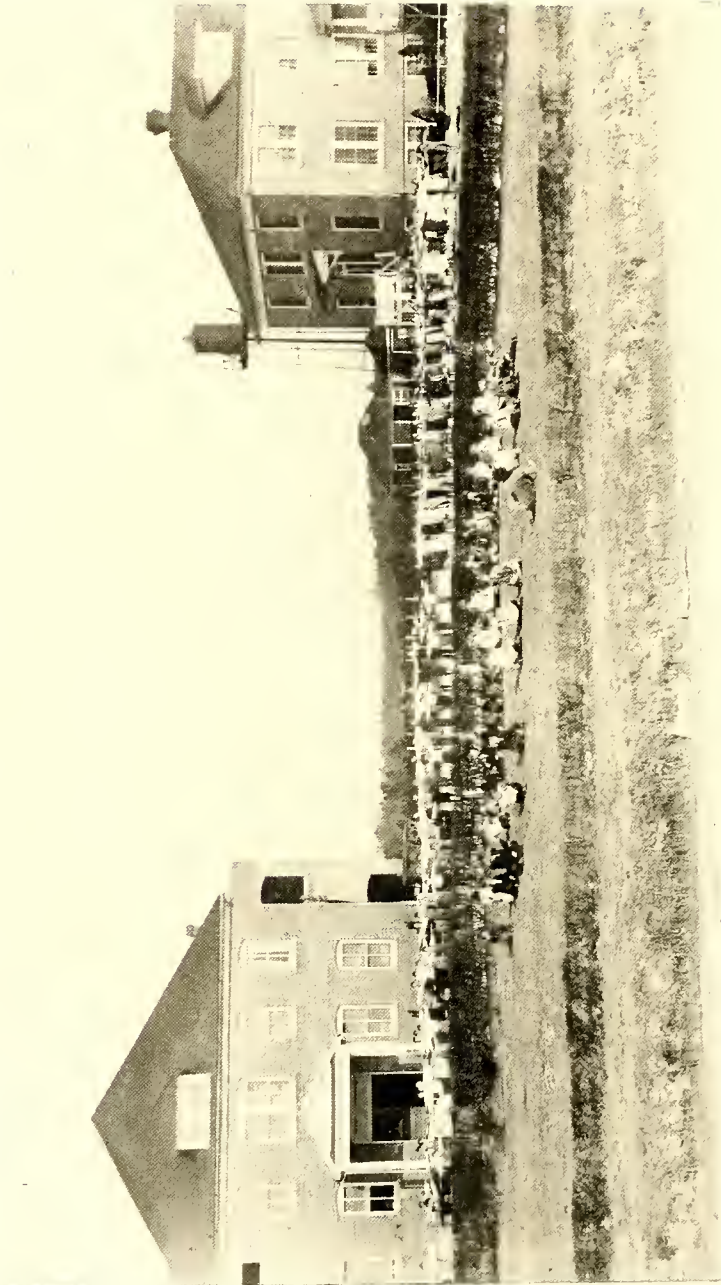


Faculty

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MIDDLEBURG HIGH SCHOOL

- LEE B. DURHAM, *Superintendent* A.B. Duke University
 Always stern and dignified
 With a heart of gold he just can't hide.
- VIRGINIA LAKE, *Mathematics and Latin* A.B. West-Hampton
 Study, work, and persevere.
 What qualities could be more sincere?
- ELIZABETH WATSON, *History and Science* A.B. Winthrop
 Lots of pep and lots of style,
 But best of all is her sweet smile.
- WILLIE MAE MCSWEENEY, *English* A.B. Winthrop
 Sometimes in class she gets awful sore,
 But we know she loves us—'cause she said so.
- ELIZABETH J. WILEY, *Music* Muskingum College Conservatory
 Describe her?—that we will and fain,
 She's just a soft sweet music strain.
- GEORGE B. BLUM, *Agriculture* B.S. North Carolina State
 Here's a man the boys all like,
 For him each one would win a fight.
- HATTIE F. PLUMMER, *Home Economics* N. C. C. W.
 "But to act, that each tomorrow
 Finds us farther than today."
- CONSTANCE PRICE, *Seventh Grade* N. C. C. W.
 From nine to four the school she'll keep,
 But from then on, she must have sleep.
- NELL BLANCHARD, *Fifth and Sixth Grades* Greenville College
 Conscientious—but schoolwork falls,
 When it interferes with those telephone calls.
- CORNELIA HAWTHORNE, *Third and Fourth Grades* Farmville College
 "A soft answer turns away wrath."
 If that is true, she's on the right path.
- ANNE LOUIS JONES, *First and Second Grades* Farmville College
 "Miz Jones', we love you lots,"
 This, from her thirty little tots.



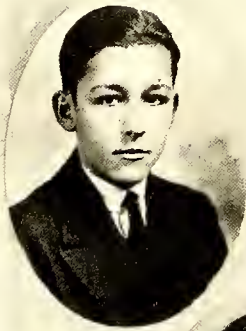
MORNING EXERCISES



SENIORS

From The End Of The Trail. By James Earl Fraser

Senior Class



RICHARD DUKE BUCHAN

Activities: O. Henry Society; Reporter of Basketball Games; Dramatic Club.

Richard is small in stature but big in heart. If any of us have these priceless gifts—zest for work, keen observation, unfailing good humor, and the knowing how to play as well as work—then Richard has them. He is fated to succeed.

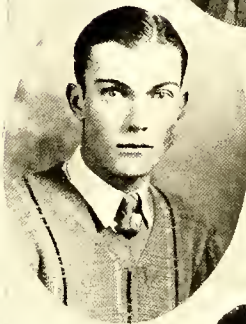


ANNIE BANNERMAN CARROLL

Activities: Secretary of Senior Class; O. Henry Society; Hiking Club; Orchestra and Dramatic Club.

Not too sober—not too gay,
But a real good pal in every way.

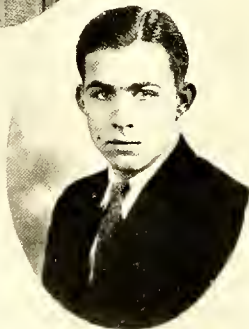
Annie's outstanding traits are her sweet disposition and good manners. She is bright and cheerful, and is determined to succeed.



JAMES EWEL FINCH

Activities: President of Senior Class; Assistant Business Manager for The Carrier; Forward on Basketball Team; O. Henry Society; Dramatic Club; Manager of Baseball Team; "M" Club.

James has plenty of pep,
And plenty of sport,
He'll stand by you just like a fort;
He's full of good spirit,
He's loveliest of heart;
He'll often surprise you—
If you give him a start.



RICHARD BANKS FRAZIER

Activities: O. Henry Society and Dramatic Club; Guard on Basketball Team; "M" Club.

Certainly no member of the class of '26 possesses a keener insight into human nature than does Banks. He is the life of any group in which you may find him. Banks has tried to do something of everything, and to hear him tell it, has usually succeeded. He can tell tales so slick that besides making his schoolmates believe them, he almost believes them himself. With such a line Banks should certainly be a lawyer.

Senior Class

LESLIE GILL HOYLE

Activities: O. Henry Society; Forward on Basketball Team; Dramatic Club.

Leslie is as witty as a bunny. He is sometimes shy of tests, but always manages to make at least "75." He is a good sport. Although he takes little space, the Senior Class would be very blank without him.

ELSIE WILLIAM HUNT

Activities: Editor-in-Chief of Annual; President of O. Henry Society; Secretary of Music Club; President of Entertainment Committee; Member Hiking Club; Orchestra; Class Poet; Dramatic Club.

"To sum up all, he merry, I advise,

And as we are merry may we still be wise."

Even tho' the hest all-round and most influential are parts of her make-up, you'll never miss hearing a "sporty" report when you mention the following three, "dancing, picture shows," and her "private office." And now that the time has come for her to depart from us we all admit she's a sho' nuff girl.

JAMES BENNETT JACKSON

Activities: Guard on Basketball Team; O. Henry Society and "M" Club.

In all organizations you will find Bennett ready and willing to serve in any way possible, particularly as Treasurer. Bennett gained much in the field of athletics; being a star player in basketball and baseball. He is that type of gentleman that the country at large as well as ourselves should be proud of. Good luck to you, Bennett.

HALLIE AILEEN JACKSON

Activities: O. Henry Society; Orchestra; Hiking Club and Dramatic Club.

Hallie is a girl who believes in the old saying, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." Although she has had little time for studying, due to love affairs, she has won her coveted diploma.



Senior Class



WILLIAM FRANK MITCHELL

Activities: Manager of Basketball Team; Business Manager of the Annual; O. Henry Society.

If you want the real old class spirit of '26, just call on Frank, our ever-faithful manager in basketball and The Carrier. We see for Frank a future—progressive in business, admired and respected by all.



LELIA WARBURTON MURPHY

Activities: O. Henry Society and Hiking Club.

Here's a girl who's jolly and gay—
Never without something to say—
Bright and happy and lovable too,
Now what more, Miss Murphy,
Could we say about you?



AMANDA KATHLEEN MURPHY

Activities: President of Music Club; O. Henry Society; Hiking Club; Orchestra and Class Testator.

She's clever, she's peppy, she's full of fire;
When you're blue she'll lift you out of the mire.
She bears her sorrows and joys, too,
She's the girl that will gladly share them with
you.
Of classmates like "Kat" there are only a few.
Without such a girl, oh, what would we do.



PAULINE ELIZABETH PUCKETT

Activities: O. Henry Society; Orchestra and Dramatic Club.

Pauline is a musician great,
Who plays the latest airs.
Her nimble fingers drive away
Dull thoughts and schoolroom cares.

Senior Class

VALLIE JOYNER PUCKETT

Activities: O. Henry Society; Orchestra and Hiking Club.

Here is a girl we are proud to know—conscientious and sincere in everything. She is a good old pal and can always be counted on to do her part in all phases of High School activities. She is a friend in need; genuine and generous.

JULIA RANDOLPH STEWART

Activities: Vice-President of O. Henry Society; Assistant Editor of Annual; President of Social Committee; Hiking Club; Orchestra; Class Prophet.

Charleston, Charleston, is her latest fad—

If she ever learns it, Gee, we'll be glad!

These lines truly apply to Julia; she is one of the most popular girls in the class of '26, and one of those who is sweet to everyone. When Julia is in the room there is no danger of a dull period.

ETHEL MAY STURGES

Activities: O. Henry Society and Orchestra.

Ethel, our quietest and most reserved member, has toiled with us through the trials and tribulations from Alpha to Omega. Always good-natured, sweet-tempered and willing to do that which was right and never indulging in that which was wrong, unless it was to laugh at the wrong time.

LEWIS WILBURT SPAIN

Activities: O. Henry Society.

Lewis says little but thinks much. He has won friends in his easy going manner. Lewis looks rather bashful, but we always watch those slow fellows for they win the goals after all.

ELIZABETH WELLS

Activities: Guard on Basketball Team; "M" Club; O. Henry Society.

"Bibber" is an exceptionally bright girl. In Geometry few can surpass her. Originals to her seem only fun. She is also good natured, always ready to help her class. She is a good sport in all ways.



Class History

By ELIZABETH WELLS

IN the fall of 1922, we entered upon our High School career, nineteen strong. As we walked up the stairs, that first morning, no one could have felt better and of more importance than we did. We were the most important beings in the school, in our eyes, but sad to tell, it was not long before most of our egotism was knocked out of us in various and sundry ways by the Sophomores and the High School teachers.

Latin was our greatest burden, and most of our number fled from it as they would flee from a lion, to the Agriculture and Home Economics Courses. But with Miss Irwin struggling with all her might to beat something into our empty heads, we at last succeeded in reading a little. We also began Algebra this same year, and to our great astonishment we found that it was not so awful, after all, and most of us were able to conquer it, with Mr. Rogers to drill us in X, Y, Z's day after day. Thus, we struggled through our first year of High School life.

With one of our number having taken up house-keeping, eighteen strong, we greeted our new superintendent, Mr. Durham, in the fall of 1923. Miss Riley tugged with us this year in Algebra. Everything moved along smoothly and we gained each day in our Sophomore importance. Soon, however, the end of the year came and we were once again set free.

Our original class was now reduced to fifteen, but though we grew less in numbers, we grew greater in ideals and aspirations. Now as wise and lofty Juniors, we began to feel that getting an education was a really serious affair. Miss Sadler came to us that year to guide us in our English work. Mr. Dew came all the way from Florida to assist us in our study of Algebra; we also began French under Mr. Durham's leadership. Most of us succeeded in at least understanding what it was about. This year all too soon passed away, and we were given the long summer months to contemplate the serious business of becoming dignified Seniors.

September, 1925, found us again plodding our way at the call of the bell to our beloved school building. At first school hardly seemed the same for we had lost Miss Irwin whom we all loved and admired.

We must have lost all our knowledge of English during the summer, for although our present English teacher struggled very hard, she was not able to find any trace of "English" in our minds.

This year, more than ever, we have realized that it takes a great deal of perseverance and pluck to master Math. Our heads have been stuffed with rectangles, isosceles triangles, and circles within circles, until some of us are haunted at night with geometrical ghosts with triangle heads and all forms of beings with angles less than ninety degrees.

The class of '26 has been a live, progressive one, stepping out into fields hitherto unknown in our school. We held the first graduating exercise in the seventh grade, and gave the first Junior-Senior banquet. We have successfully entertained several times during the present year, proving that we are not only serious minded in our work, but competent as social leaders as well. Most remarkable of all, we have planted the "Carrier"—the first annual to be edited by the Middleburg High School. We are a versatile class—knowing our faults but filled with self-confidence to finally succeed.

As we go forth, each his own way, let us ever be mindful of our motto: "They can who think they can."

Prophecy of the Class of 1926

MIDDLEBURG HIGH SCHOOL

HERE are some people who say emphatically that they do not believe in elves, and if you happen to be one of that most unfortunate class, listen to an experience of mine and then perhaps you will change your mind.

One day at dusk, I was walking through a wooded lane on my way to the summer cottage of some friends of mine whom I was visiting for a few days, and as I strolled along, loath to leave the cool shadowy path and quiet contentment of the wood, I was attracted by a rustling noise near my feet; and then, most certainly, a gentle but imperative pull at my shoe-lace. Now these were my prettiest oxfords and I had taken great pains with these particular shoe laces to have them "set" just right, so I immediately became attentive to this particular tweak, thinking that I had probably caught the lace on a brier or thorn. Looking down—could my eyes deceive me—what should I see but a little man scarcely six inches tall, gazing expectantly up into my face. I confess I was somewhat frightened at first and greatly astonished, but I thought he seemed to be trying to tell me something, so to be able to hear him at all I was compelled to lie flat upon the ground with my face close to the earth. His voice was squeaky like that of a mouse, and to tell the truth, he resembled a mouse, being scarcely larger, with his drab little coat and cap of mouse-gray. Finally, I understood that he had something very important to tell me, and holding out a small glass that looked like a miniature telescope, he bade me look within. At first I was puzzled for the glass was so small that I could not get my sight focused at once, but soon I began to see prisms and segments of color falling into kaleidoscopic array, and gradually as I strained my eye-sight, the jumble of colors and figures began to take shape.

The first picture that became clear was one quite unfamiliar to me as it seemed to be some sort of a wealthy gambling hall. I immediately guessed it to be Monte Carlo, and though I had often heard of this famous rendezvous where hundreds make and lose fortunes at the turn of the wheel, I had never actually seen it until now. Imagine my excitement and actual sorrow when I recognized my old schoolmate, my sweet little innocent schoolmate, Annie Carroll, caught in this whirl of temptation and avarice, bending over the famous roulette wheel, totally absorbed in the business of playing for high stakes and—winning! My sorrow and anxiety over seeing her in such a place was somewhat lessened when I beheld Bennett Jackson regarding her and her winnings in an unmistakably husbandly way.

As I slowly turned my little kaleidoscope I seemed to hear faint music and the familiar air of "Yes, Sir, She's My Baby," and gradually an orchestra came into view with a wide expanse of polished ballroom floor in front. This was evidently the ballroom at the famous Casino at Moonte Carlo, and there, to my utter astonishment, I beheld on the glassy floor two more old friends, Ethel Sturges and Lewis Spain, giving an exhibition dance of the "Charleston" to a hundred or more appreciative spectators. The orchestra seemed to be one of the jazziest of jazz bands, and leading the others in all sorts of contortions of the body and born to this wild syncopation was none other than our old jazzy Elizabeth Wells.

I understood now what my little elfin friend had planned. He was going to let me catch glimpses of all of my old schoolmates of ten years ago (1926, to be exact) as they were today, and since I had lost track of so many of them, I could hardly wait to turn my little kaleidoscope to find out what it had to show.

I next seemed to see the entrance to a magnificent photoplay house, and emblazoned in letters a foot high, I read the old familiar names of Lelia Murphy and Banks Frazier. How often I had

seen these same names emblazoned across the front board of our Senior classroom—to see Miss Lake at recess for not having handed in geometry problems. But now it was all different; these same two names were seen everywhere in great electric lights, telling the world at large that these great cinema stars were playing opposite each other in "Tiger Love." I was anxious to see at least a part of this wonderful picture but caught a glimpse of the "fade out" only. Well, it was great! In the vernacular of the streets, "Banks certainly knew his onions."

My next picture, as I frantically turned the little instrument, showed the busy, bustling office of a big daily newspaper in New York, the "Times," I think it was. There was the editor's chair, and seated here before a desk piled high with manuscripts of all kinds was our dear little Elsie Hunt, still pretty, still busy, and still very efficient. Just as I was wondering how she kept that way, the door opened and in rushed three beautiful children, all clamoring for nickels and caramels, and here was Elsie, with one hand on the telephone receiver and the other in her purse, attending to business and handing out nickels to her happy little brood. Was it to be ever thus, I thought, would she never stop trying to do a little of everything in the world?

As my vision passed from the busy office out into the street I beheld a gorgeous array of coaches, horses and riders, a line of trumpeters, brass band, clowns and caged animals coming down the middle of the street. Seated on the biggest elephant in the lot, with a sceptre as mighty as the Queen of Sheba's, and looking just as proud, rode Kat Murphy. Heavens, thought I, what has happened? We had all thought of nothing else but that Kat would always occupy the chief mourners' bench in her preacher-husband's church. But this proved that you can never tell. What was the world coming to, anyway?

But I had not long to ruminate, for swiftly another scene took its place. My picture this time was the interior of a "select" men's furnishing store, and over the door I read in big letters, "Iky Solomon, Haberdasher." Why should I be shown this place, I wondered, when suddenly I saw my old friend Frank Mitchell following a customer to the door, arguing and pleading, with many hand gestures, that the customer could "have it for less" if he would buy no other way. I saw the explanation at once—Frank was learning just how it was done so that he could make a living on a rock if it ever became absolutely necessary.

Then, I saw a beautiful colonial home surrounded by acres and acres of well-kept grounds. But whose home could this be? My vision became clearer, and I saw Leslie Hoyle standing on the veranda. He was surveying his huge estate with contentment in his eyes.

I remembered quite a few others in that good old class of '26, so I turned hurriedly to catch a glimpse of them too.

Everything seemed dark through the little lens and I was beginning to fear that perhaps this wonderful fairy tale was over, when I seemed to catch sight of something moving in the darkness. It was a little lighter now, and gradually I understood that I was seeing a picture of moonlight coming from behind sailing clouds and flooding this darkness with silvery half-light. The shimmering, shining, dancing spot in the background was a lake, or water of some kind, with moonbeams dancing upon it, and that silvery ribbon stretching on and on was a road, yes, certainly, a long, smooth, white road of crushed shell. And then I knew, for at no other place than Palm Beach, Florida, are there such beautiful shell roads, such wonderful silvery moonlight playing on the water. I was excited and expectant and had not long to wait, for a big Rolls-Royce, long, graceful and luxurious in its appointments, came slowly down this ribbon of road. I could plainly see two couples in the car, much absorbed in their conversation, but lost entirely to the beauties of this wondrous Florida scenery. The moonlight was throwing its magic spell, however, for the faces of the girls were rapt in enchantment as they listened to the words of those wonderful beings in white flannels and panamas. Who could they be—those two girls in light summer dresses and soft drooping hats? Ah, now I knew, they were the Puckett sisters—out with millionaires—no less! The picture was fading and entirely gone before I could

see who their companions were, but if ever I meet the girls I mean to ask them what kind of bait they used.

My next view was brief but clear, and I recognized instantly Hallie Jackson, standing on a street corner lecturing to girls and begging them to join her army of females whose mission it was to tell the world and other distressed damsels what to do in case you "changed your mind" where men were concerned. How many times had she changed her mind in the past ten years, I wondered, but soon I was absorbed in another revelation.

There was James Finch in a long robe and stiff white collar, preaching from the pulpit of the largest church in Washington, D. C. Whatever had come over James, I thought, and then I saw!—for I beheld his meek little wife seated in the front pew, drinking in his every word, and I couldn't help but remark, "Now who'd have thought Ava would have had *that kind* of an effect on him!"

I was beginning to think that this was surely all of us in that old class of 1926, but no, there was Richard, little Richard Buchan, the smallest but by no means the least member. And because I wished so hard to know what had become of him there came into view my last picture. Newsboys were running about the streets shouting, "Wux-try! Wuxtry! All about the new representative from Vance County. Hurrah for Buchan!" Well, now, I knew Richard'd go and do it some day!

Suddenly my eyes began to sting, and then as if by magic I was sitting on the ground rubbing them. Where was my little kaleidoscope, where was my little elf? Could it be that when I sat down to tie the bow on my oxford and had seen the patch of clover and began looking for the four-leaves, that I had fallen asleep and dreamed all this? I wouldn't believe it! My elf *was* real, my pictures *were* real, and no matter if Monday did mean that I must return to my duties as matron of the Orphan's Home (a position I had held for six years and learned to love) I would carry with me the thoughts of all my old childhood chums and schoolmates, and would spend many a pleasant evening reviewing those delightful pictures of them in my mind. Thus, refreshed I rose and hastened down the path to the cottage, where I found I was just in time for tea.

Now, will you believe in elves?

CLASS PROPHET.

Last Will and Testament

By KATHALEEN MURPHY



E, the Class of 1926, being about to cease our existence as a class; being of sound minds, in fact, having well-crammed minds and super-human understanding, with a memory that was never known to fail; make and publish this our last will and testament:

SECTION I

Article 1. To our beloved superintendent, Mr. Durham, we bequeath our deepest appreciation; our sincerest gratitude; and our heartiest thanks for the keen interest he has taken in our welfare. We leave him our promise that we will each live up to the high standards which he has set before us.

Article 2. In behalf of our gratitude to the teachers for the wonderful influence and training that they have given us, we bequeath to them the limitless knowledge and astounding information that we have furnished them at various times in our classes and in our examination papers. We realize that many things we have imparted were entirely new to them—and to all the rest of mankind. And since this information, if it can be spread to the utmost parts of the earth, will transform not only the learned but ignorant people as well, we hereby authorize and empower the faculty to spread this information whenever and wherever it will help accomplish that extraordinary prodigy called education.

SECTION II

Article 1. To the Junior class we leave a set of carefully drawn up instructions, explaining the process of becoming studious and dignified Seniors. Although we cannot hope for them the success which we have attained, since we are a very extraordinary class, yet we make our bequest in good faith and with every good wish for their highest success.

SECTION III

Article 1. Leslie Hoyle leaves his formula for obtaining a patent leather finish of his hair to Tempie Stewart, with instructions for daily use.

Article 2. Julia Stewart bequeaths her brilliant stage career and her ability in vamping to Mary Breedlove.

Article 3. James Finch leaves his standing date with Ava Evans to Howard Currin upon the condition that it be forfeited when he returns from College.

Article 4. To Theta Jackson is willed the "pep" and "spirits" of Polly Puckett, hoping that she will learn to use them eventually.

Article 5. To Margie Peoples, Frank leaves his everlasting privilege of going to the dormitory without permission just when she so desires.

Article 6. We as a class do bequeath to Emory Collins a standing date all through the summer with Annie Carroll, because we know he will have it anyway.

Article 7. To Vernie Hoyle is willed Lewis Spain's ability to work geometry, hoping that she will enjoy being Miss Lake's pet as much as he has.

Article 8. To Willie Finch is left the privilege of having a date with "Petersburg" once a week while Banks is at State.

Article 9. Lastly, we as the class of 1926, bequeath to the entire student body of the Middleburg High School the memory of a Senior Class loyal and true-hearted to its ideals and aspirations, ever ready to do all that will reflect credit and honor upon its Alma Mater.

SECTION IV

Article 1. We, the Class of 1926, as aforesaid in sound mind for the most part, in witness whereof hereunto set our hand and seal this tenth day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-six.

(Signed)

THE CLASS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIX.

Senior Poem

By ELSIE HUNT

Our class is only a very small band,
And oft we have failed to understand
Just what it was we were to find out,
And just what "education" is all about.
But through it all we were as happy as could be,
And seldom found cause to really disagree.
We've always pulled together—it was such fun!
But now we understand that the task is just begun,
For whate'er we undertake, we must keep on driving,
And for higher success each of us must keep on striving.
Each one must try to do his level best,
So to make life's course easier for the rest.
"East is East, and West is West,"
And the Seniors are parting now to begin life's quest.
Our hearts are heavy, but our tears we'll hide,
And memories—sweet memories—will with us always abide.

CLASS POET.

* * *

Yell

Middleburg Seniors, here we come—
We're a Class that never feels bum.
The Freshman Class is lots too slow;
The Sophomore Class simply don't know;
The Juniors are actually a sight—
But when it comes to Seniors, we're
ALL RIGHT.

Jokes

Mrs. McSweeney: "Herman, make a sentence using 'cheerful'."
Herman: "When Marie sits down it is a 'chair full'."

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Mrs. McSweeney: "Celia what was the expression on the faces of the Tartan people in the poem 'Sobrab and Rustum'?"
Celia: "I don't know, I forgot to look."

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Miss Watson: "Clyde, you got 97 on history."
Clyde: "Gosh, I think I should have gotten at least 98."

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Mrs. McSweeney: "Hartwell, you were in a terrible place last night."
Hartwell: "How do you know?"
Mrs. McSweeney: "Because I saw you."

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Miss Watson was giving a lesson on creation. Ernest Fleming interrupted with the remark, "My father says we are descended from apes."
Miss Watson: "Your private affairs have no interest for the class."

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Miss Watson: "We will now name some of the lower species of animals, starting with Macy Hoyle."

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"Papa," said Howell, "what do they mean by 'College Bred'? Is it different from any other kind of bread."
"My son," said Mr. Steed, "It is a 'four-year loaf'."

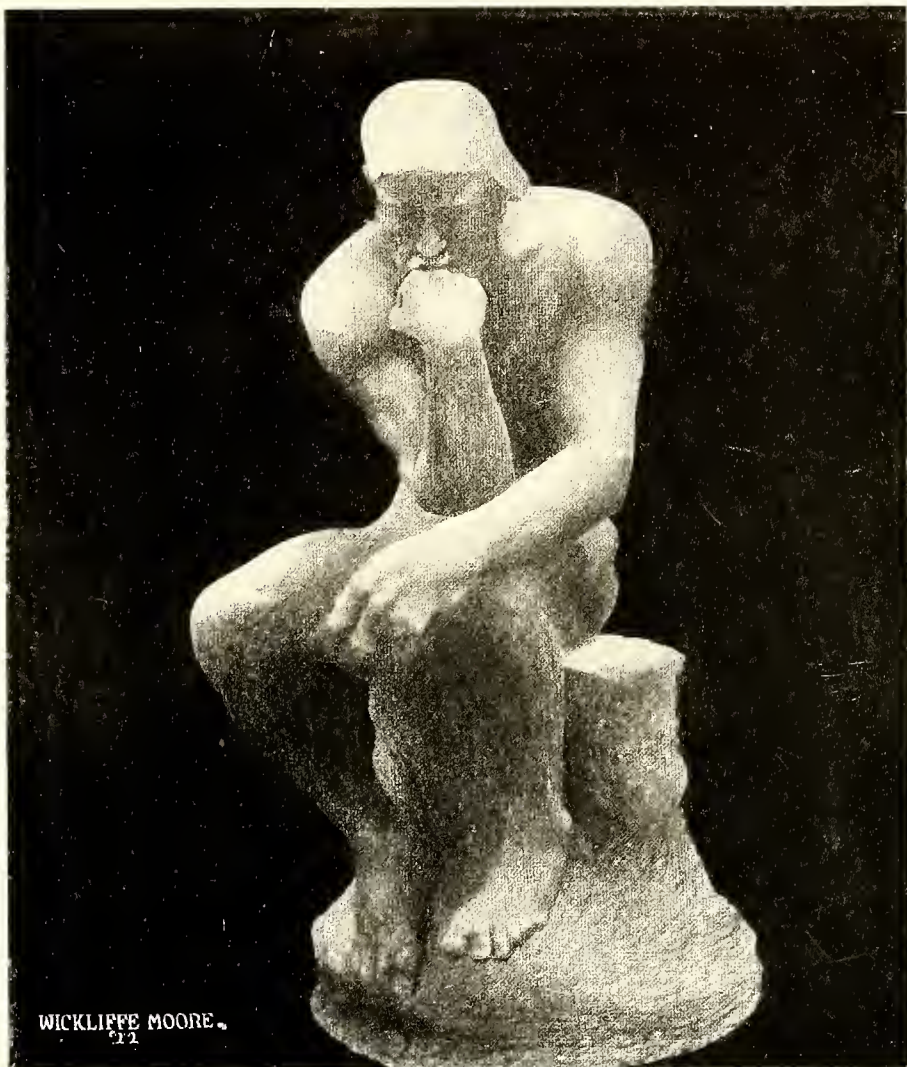
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Farm Life boys studying how to improve country homes and using James Finch's home as an example:

Mr. Blum: "Boys, what improvements could be made to James' home?"
Banks: "I think the walks could be fixed, Mrs. Blum."
James: "All right, Banks, fix them; you use them more than I do."

* * *

Miss Lake: "Lelia, how many ribs have you?"
Lelia: "I declare, Miss Lake, I don't know. Every time I count them I get so tickled I have to stop."



JUNIORS

From The Thinker. By Rodin



Tempie
Stewart



Rebecca
Rose



Mary Breedlove



Emory
Collins



Marjie
Peoples



Howard
Currin



Theta
Jackson



Ava
Evans



Willie Finch



Vernie
Hoyle

Junior Class

Flower: Sweet Pea

Colors: Lavender and Cream

Motto: "On Life's Highway"

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CLASS ROLL

MARY BREEDLOVE	VERNIE HOYLE
EMORY COLLINS	THETA JACKSON
HOWARD CURRIN	MARGIE PEOPLES
AVA EVANS	REBECCA ROSE
WILLIE FINCH	TEMPLE STEWART

CLASS POEM

J is for jolly, describing us all.
U is unusual, we're smart though we're small.
N is naive for we're young and we're gay.
I is illustrious—as they all say.
O is obliging—just ask us and see.
R is our race—may we win is our plea.
S is for Seniors—we hope soon to be!



MARY BREEDLOVE

*And her eyes are like the bluebells in the fairy month of
May*

EMORY COLLINS

Much study is a weariness of the flesh

HOWARD CURRIN

A friend both true and tried

AVA EVANS

*Some think the world was made for fun, frolic, and so do
I, and so do I*

WILLIE FINCH

Be Willie what she will, in basketball she's our wonder still

VERNIE HOYLE

I live for those who love me and the good that I can do

THETA JACKSON

*Fearlessly, laughing, in and up I go—Seeing the sky and
not the depths below*

MARGIE PEOPLES

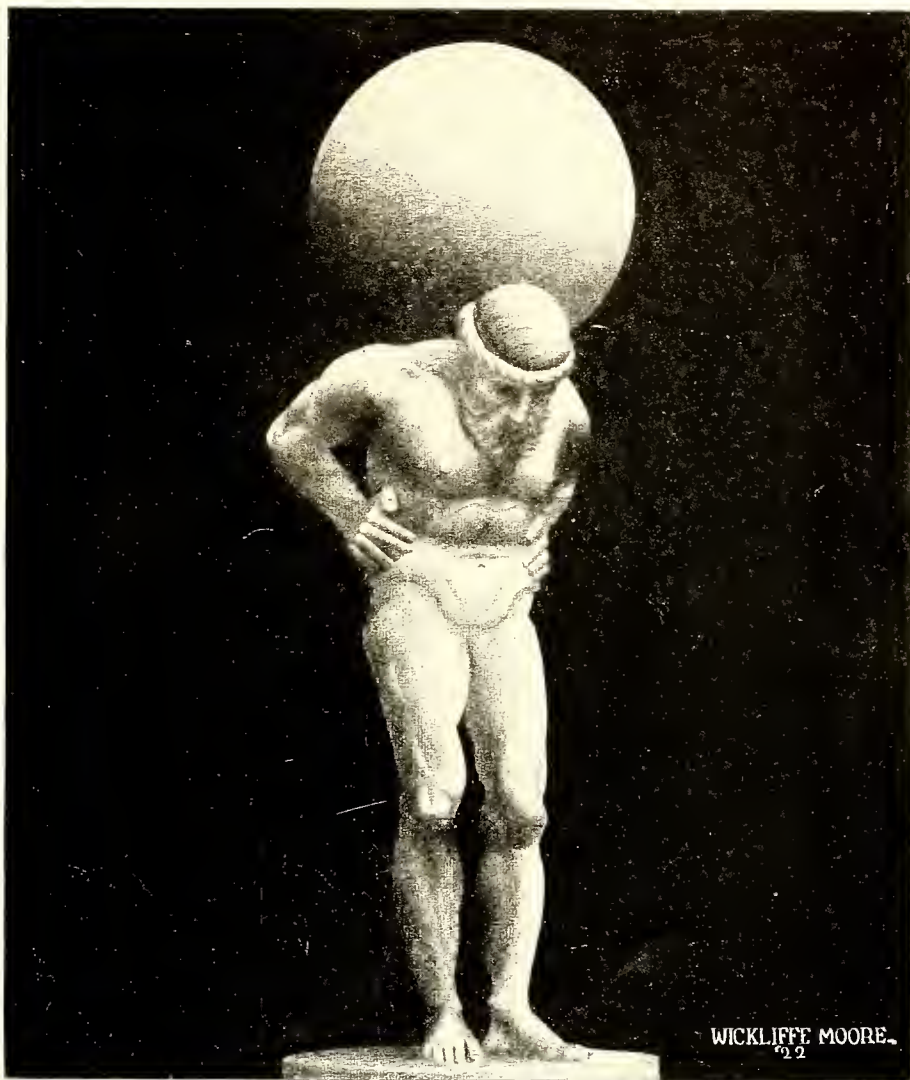
Oh, cease my fluttering heart! Let me turn unto my books

REBECCA ROSE

*The simple things, the true things. The silent men that
do things*

TEMPIE STEWART

Laugh and the world laughs with you



SOPHOMORES

From Atlas. Antique Sculpture



Sophomore Class

Colors: Pink and White

Flower: Pink Rose

Motto: To Strive, to Seek, to Find and Not to Yield

CLASS ROLL

CLYDE HOYLE	JEROME JACKSON
LAURA CARROLL	IRENE ELLINGTON
CELIA MURPHY	MUZELLE HOYLE
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EVOLUTIONIST . . . ERNEST FLEMING

SHEIK ROBERT TURNER







FRESHMEN

From Meditation. By Ghiloni



Freshman Class

Colors: Purple and Green

Flower: The Modest Violet

Motto: "Start Right"

Aim: "To Prepare Ourselves for Usefulness in Afterlife."

CLASS RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the Freshman class of the Middleburg High School, do declare ourselves an organized class, having officers to direct us; an aim to aspire to; and a motto to live by.

Also, that our meetings, both called and regular, are conducted in correct manner, according to parliamentary law. Therefore, we hereby resolve:

First: That our main object in life in present is to fit ourselves now, physically, mentally and spiritually, to reach the highest attainments after our school days are past; and that in so doing we may reflect credit on our parents, our school, ourselves and our God.

Second: That we will do all in our power to pull together for any good cause that we may undertake, thereby instilling in us the principles of co-operation and consideration so necessary for a successful life.

Third: That in our earnestness to succeed we will not forget to lend a helping hand to each other or someone else not so fortunate as we.

Fourth: That especially we will assist and co-operate with the school officials in every way possible to make the standing of the Middleburg High School as to attendance and intelligence of the very highest type.

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FLORENCE BREEDLOVE	EMILY FINCH	IRBY JACKSON	SKINNER WATKINS
ANNIE MAY BUCHANAN	LOIS FINCH	HORACE JACKSON	RUTH WELLS
MARTHA CROCKER	MARY FLOYD	MYRTLE PURNELL	MILBURN JACKSON
JOHN CROCKER	ALLEN HOLLOWAY	HATTIE ROSE	



Work and Win

Freshmen! Freshmen!
 How innocent are we.
 Such a bunch of dumbbells
 You'd hardly wish to see.

We hardly know our A. B. C.'s,
 Much less our horrid X. Y. Z.'s
 And Science, whew! what crazy bunk!
 We say it's just a lot of junk.

We know the road is steep and long,
 But then, Life can't be all song.
 And teacher tells us that the way
 Is just to study hard each day.

And when we're "Seniors" at the top
 We don't then, even, mean to stop,
 But keep on 'till the game is played
 And show these folks of the stuff we're made.



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BLANCHE CRABTREE
DOMMIE LEE CLARK
VIOLA DICKERSON
HAZEL ELLINGTON
ELNORA FITTS
JEWEL SAUNDERS
EVERETT BEST
ROBERT BAKER
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JUNE ELLINGTON
RALPH GAY
ALEX GOODRICH
JOHN JACKSON
ROBERT L. MITCHELL
NED MCSWEENEY
T. P. ROSE
CHARLES STAINBACK
ELIZABETH BAKER
JESSIE CURRIN
FANNIE MAE FITTS
ERMA HICKS

ROSE MABRY
MARTHA A. MCSWEENEY
NETTIE ANN PEGRAM
HOWARD BEST
MARSHALL BREEDLOVE
HENRY ELLINGTON
ROY EMERY
CLARENCE HEDRICK
ROBERT SATTERWHITE
WOODROW NETHERY

Grade III

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KATHERLEEN BAKER
ROSALYN COLLINS
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LELIA FINCH
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Grade IV

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JOHN CARROLL
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MAE FLEMING
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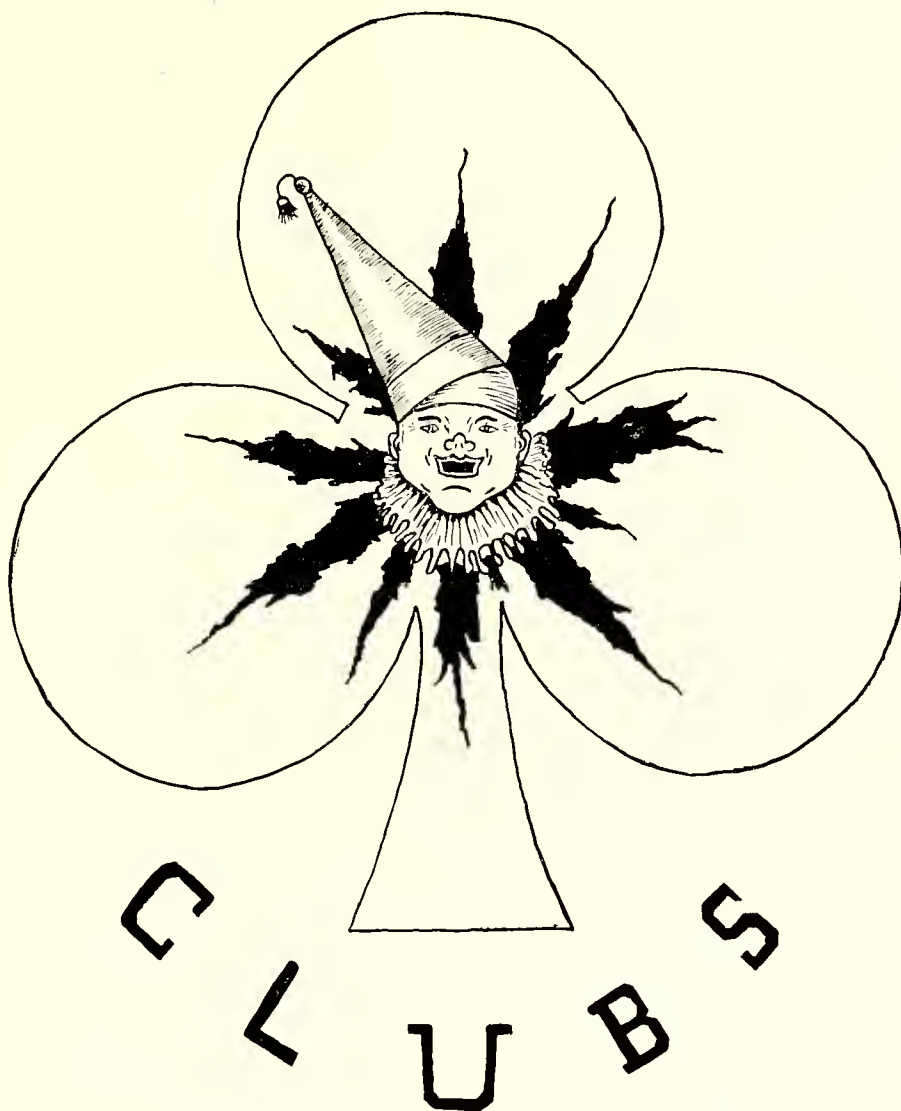
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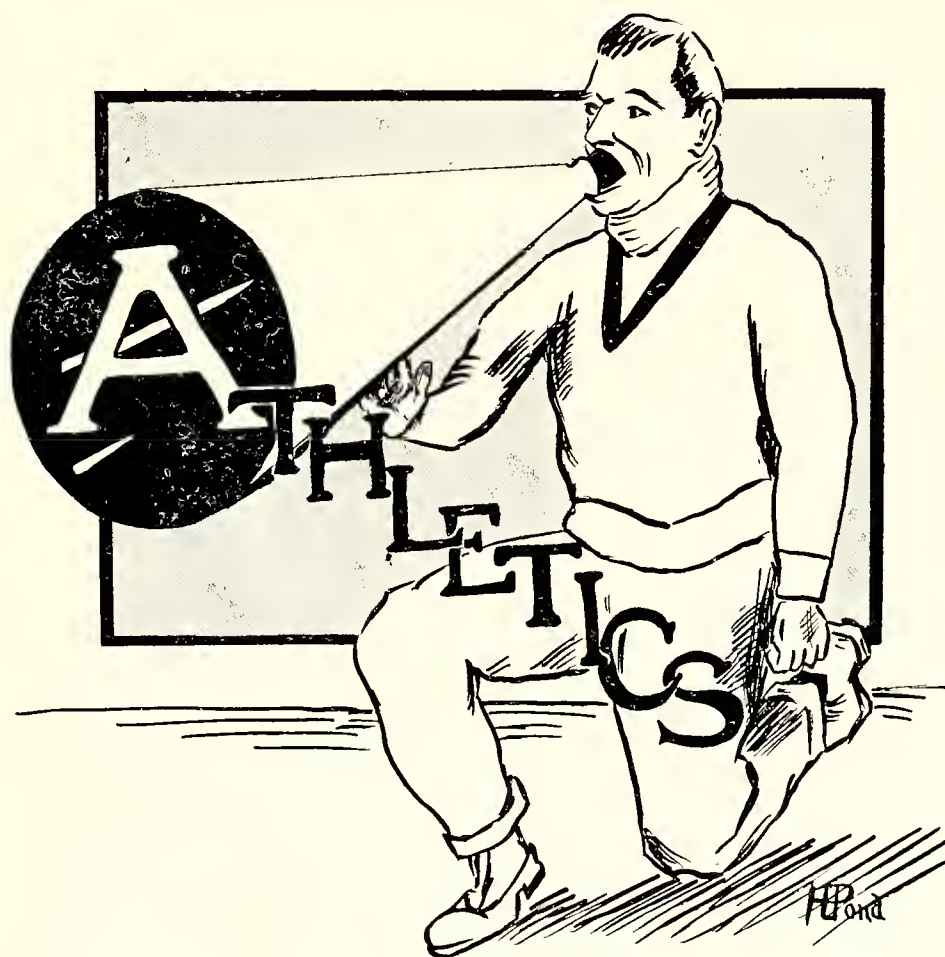
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Boys' Basketball Club

OFFICERS

LEE B. DURHAM	<i>Coach</i>	FRANK MITCHELL	<i>Manager</i>
G. B. BLUM	<i>Faculty Manager</i>	JAMES FINCH	<i>Captain</i>

PERSONNEL OF TEAM

BENNETT JACKSON	MILBURN JACKSON	HOWELL STEED
BANKS FRAZIER	JAMES FINCH	IRBY JACKSON
LESLIE HOYLE	ROBERT TURNER	HERMAN BREEDLOVE
	ERNEST FLEMING	

GAMES

Won 16	1922-23	Lost 1
Won 25	1923-24	Lost 1
Won 18	1924-25	Lost 1
Won 10	1925-26	Lost 1
Middleburg	44; Norlina	2
Middleburg	32; Zeb Vance	10
Middleburg	59; Macon	18
Middleburg	14; Stem	12
Middleburg	32; Warrenton	16
Middleburg	38; Stem	14
Middleburg	36; Epsom	7
Middleburg	41; Henderson	35
Middleburg	30; Henderson	15
Middleburg	35; Franklinton	15
Middleburg	35; Roanoke Rapids	20



Girls' Basketball Team

PERSONNEL OF TEAM

WILLIE FINCH	<i>Captain and Left Forward</i>
MABEL HOYLE	<i>Right Forward</i>
ELMA CURRIN	<i>Forward</i>
ELIZABETH WELLS	<i>Guard</i>
MARY BREEDLOVE	<i>Forward</i>
CLYDE HOYLE	<i>Right Guard</i>
BLANCHE JACKSON	<i>Left Guard</i>

GAMES 1925-26

Middleburg	15;	Norlina	9
Middleburg	24;	Dabney	12
Middleburg	10;	Zeb Vance	10
Middleburg	11;	Henderson	17
Middleburg	34;	Drewry	4
Middleburg	11;	Zeb Vance	10
Middleburg	37;	Warrenton	7
Middleburg	25;	Henderson	22
Middleburg	20;	Wilton	18



Boys' Baseball Team

OFFICERS

LEE B. DURHAM	Coach
JAMES FINCH	Manager
BENNETT JACKSON	Captain

PERSONNEL OF TEAM

JAMES FINCH	First Base	BANKS FRAZIER	Right Field
MILBURN JACKSON	Second Base	HORACE JACKSON	Pitcher
IRBY JACKSON	Third Base	LESLIE HOYLE	Pitcher
HERMAN BREEDLOVE	Shortstop	WILLIAM DeMENT	Pitcher
BENNETT JACKSON	Catcher	ROBERT TURNER	Utility
FRANK MITCHELL	Left Field	RICHARD BUCHAN	Utility
EMORY COLLINS	Center Field	JEROME JACKSON	Utility

GAMES

Won 10	1922-23	Lost 1
Won 12	1923-24	Lost 2
Won 8	1924-25	Lost 1

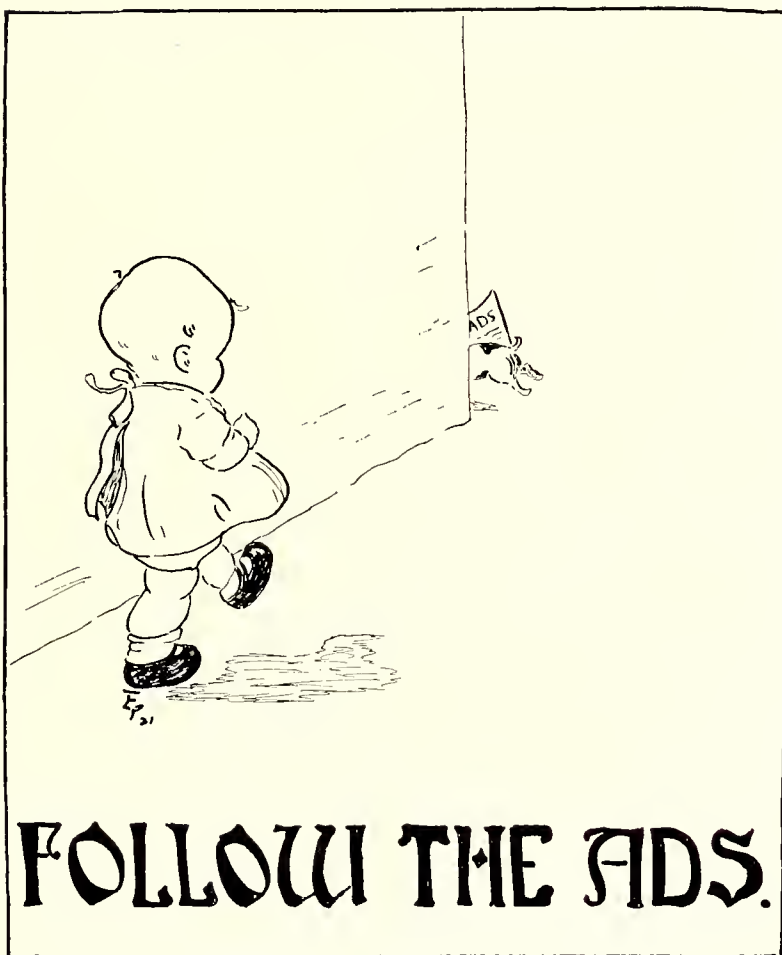
1924-25 GAMES

Middleburg	10;	Oxford	1
Middleburg	7;	Oxford	8
Middleburg	7;	Henderson	0
Middleburg	7;	Henderson	5
Middleburg	2;	Norlina	1
Middleburg	8;	Norlina	3
Middleburg	7;	Bona Vista	4
Middleburg	5;	Bona Vista	2
Middleburg	10;	Townsville	5

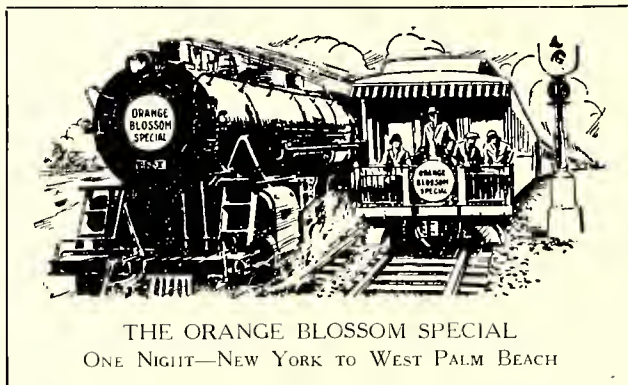


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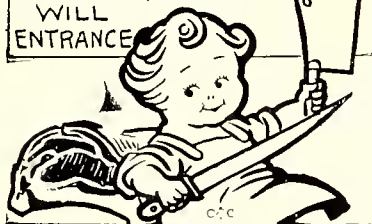
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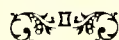
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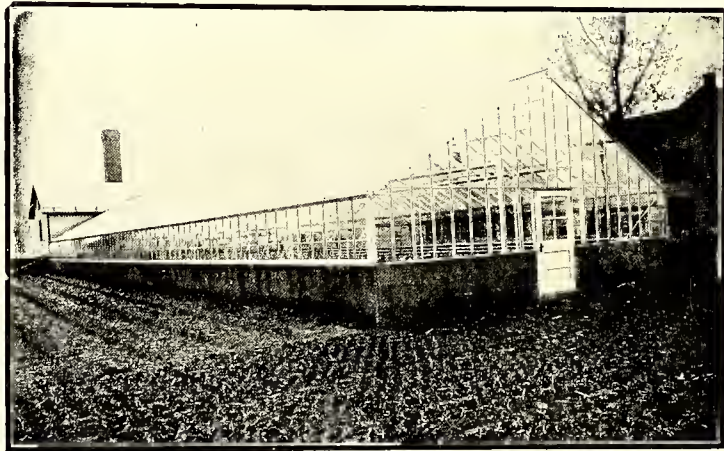
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Bonds	50,410.16
Real Estate and Fixtures	117,775.90
Cash and Due from Banks	807,892.93
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 250,000.00
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